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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

\* U. S. Hall thought he would upset the Sub-Treasury in Missouri. He got upset himself instead.

\* Bro. W. C. Ivy has leased the outfit of the Taylorsville *Index* and will conduct it as an Alliance paper in the future.

\* Drs. Strong, Newell, Sherrill, Sossamon, Hardy, Cook and other Horace Greeley shock hands at Concord this week.

\* The cotton crop this year is not going to be quite as large as it was last, but some fellow will forget and yell "overproduction."

\* The wheat speculators continue to urge the farmers to sell their wheat. If there is no prospect of a rise, why do they want to buy it?

\* W. S. McAllister, the Benedict Arnold of the Mississippi Alliance, has been expelled from the Order. So has U. S. Hall, the Smart Alex.

\* Bro. Howard F. Jones, Secretary of Warren County Alliance, was in the city last Wednesday. He is one of the progressive young men of our State.

\* We learn that the mass meeting at Sanford, which was to have been on the 8th of October, has been postponed on account of county meetings on that date.

\* If there is one man who has been a traitor to his convictions, a curse to his country, and a tool of plutocracy, that one man is John Sherman. But he made millions by it.

\* We again remark that we are mighty glad the N. C. Press Association is not "going into politics." Certainly that would destroy its usefulness, for it is a great organization.

\* Col. Harry Skinner, of Pitt, stopped over a few hours in Raleigh Saturday. He was on his way home from Concord. We are always glad to see this brilliant champion of the rights of the masses.

\* It is said that the Jews living in Russia have been cruelly persecuted lately. Who knows but the millennium is near at hand and that this will soon cause "all the Jews to be gathered together in one land?"

\* Don't fail to read the advertisement of Capt. B. P. Williamson in this issue. He is going to sell some of his fine horses. They are of the very best blood and our people should not be slow to purchase them. Improve your horses.

\* The *Mountain Home-Journal* says Gen. Weaver cannot travel the distance from his appointments as

published. The only difficult trips will be from Wilkesboro to Jefferson and from Jefferson to Taylorsville. It will be necessary for him to make part of the trip each day after the speaking is over, but we do not see that it is impossible. This is a grand fight and forced marches can be made when necessary.

\* Maj. Scott, of Moore county, denounced the Alliance demands in the *Carthage Blade* of last week, and as a result Dr. Seawell organized a new Alliance with 23 members in the Major's own neighborhood. Good. Give us another Major.

\* Total number of millionaires, 30,000; total number of paupers, over 1,000,000; total number of mortgages, 9,000,000; total number of people in the United States, 64,000,000; total number of fools who say that the Alliance is going to pieces, 400,000.

\* According to a number of our State papers Col. Polk is a mighty bad man. But the bosses tried powerful hard to make him Governor of the State recently. Why is that they want to foist a terrible bad man on the people of the State as their Governor?

\* It is the duty of every man in town or country who believes there is need of reform to proclaim it boldly at all times and post himself so he can establish what he claims. Count that day lost whose low setting sun witnesses no new recruits to the movement.

\* The *New York Times* says if the "parties want to win the support of the business men they must speak out in no uncertain way against free silver coinage." All right. Let her go! The Alliance will speak out in no uncertain way on the other side when the "parties" are heard from.

\* The *Watauga Democrat* says the Alliance says nothing in condemnation of the Force bill, the billion-dollar Congress, the pension monopoly or the tariff. That is totally untrue. Each and all of these things were condemned at Ocala last fall. Such things as these caused the organization of the farmers.

\* It is related of a certain prominent man in North Carolina that during the war he was compelled to withdraw his men from their position because they stirred up a nest of bumble bees. Brave men who hate cowardice should not throw stones in glass houses. Which is the worst, bullets or bumble bees?

\* We have just received the handsome premium list of the Piedmont Alliance Fair to be held at Salisbury on the 20th to 23d of October. The programme is interesting and the Fair promises to be one of the best ever held in North Carolina. Col. Harry Skinner, the great Sub-Treasury advocate, will speak there on the 23d. Hear him.

\* It is said that some of the politicians have gone to Europe to raise money to whip out the reform movement. Do they propose to buy votes and influence? If so, we have got plenty of the commodity. Bring on your cash. "We need more money in circulation and we are not particular about the details."

\* Some good acting was done in New York the other night. A young actor was to be arrested by an alleged detective on a charge of forgery. That was a part of the play. When the time came a real detective dragged the young man off the stage and carried him to prison. The audience applauded vigorously, little thinking that the scene was real.

\* A tramp, claiming Baltimore as his home, was arrested at Petersburg, Va., last week. In his pocket he had cards with the name of Col. Benahan Cameron on them. He said that he was at Statesville when the wreck occurred, and that these cards were given him "as mementoes of the wreck." Perhaps he knows something about the cause of the wreck.

\* An autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln to a friend is said to contain the following: "Do not worry. Eat three square meals a day. Say your prayers. Think of your wife. Be courteous to your creditors. Keep your digestion good. Steer clear of biliousness. Exercise. Go slow and go easy. May be there are other things that your especial case requires to make you happy, but, my friend, these, I reckon, will give you a good, long life."

\* Bro. McDiarmid, of the *Robesonian*, writes us that the article attacking Bro. Simpson, published in the *Robesonian* recently and reproduced in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER last week, was written by his staff correspondent. We make the explanation with pleasure, but suggest that Bro. McDiarmid instruct his staff correspondent to wait until the truth comes out before he sails into a stranger in our midst. Simpson did not say what was charged to him, and a stranger in a strange land is entitled to a hearing before being assailed.

## YOUNG MEN IN OFFICE.

The days of the "old war-horse" in politics are numbered. Soon the brigadier-generals on both sides will not stand in our national legislative halls and hurl war records and sectional bitterness at each other instead of legislating for the good of the whole people.

It has been a part of the game of the sectionalist, North and South, to keep young men out of all important offices, because they refuse to speculate in the dead issues by which the old party leaders have kept themselves in office so long. Before any nominations were made for the last election Col. Polk said publicly in a speech in Raleigh that both the old parties had shamefully neglected the young men. He said although there were five thousand college-bred young men in North Carolina, the best educated the State ever had and the best qualified to fill the offices of honor and trust, and a thousand self-made young men who were better educated than the college-bred men, not one of them had ever held a high and responsible office in the State.

The partisan press took care not to report this part of his speech. They preserved a dignified and ominous silence. But the people caught on at once. Several young men were very soon nominated and elected to high offices. Beddingfield, Crawford, the two Winstons, Melver, Alderman, Butler and several others have been put into high and responsible places since this agitation for young men was commenced by Col. Polk. The prospect of young men will be ended as soon as the Alliance breaks the back-bone of sectionalism which has always stood in their way to promotion.

The young men have acted wisely in not seeking office, but now the office is beginning to seek them. If some of our people will not forget the war, let us put men in office who were too young to know anything about it.

The longer this agitation continues the better will be the class of young men attracted to the service of the State and Nation. At first the party bosses, if they find the young man's boom too strong to be resisted, will trot out and boom up young men in sympathy with them and their methods and attempt to palm them off for the genuine article. After their contemptuous neglect of young men for a quarter of a century, any they will now take up or any who will be taken up by them may well be suspected. Let us send unsectional men to Congress if we have to go down almost to the cradle to get them.

## HOW THEY FUSE.

Dispatches from Kansas last week indicate that the Democrats and Republicans have combined for the purpose of defeating the people's party. Thus it goes. The people are seeking justice, and in order to defeat justice the politicians of both parties have "fused." This proves that as "bankers and railroad men our interests are the same, but ordinarily we fight each other just to make the people believe that we have principles at stake." It would not surprise us to hear of more of this sort of business. But we think there is enough of people who want justice to whip out the portion of both parties who desire to perpetuate villainy. We shall see.

## AND THEY ARE ALARMED.

The *New York Times* says business men have been interviewed in that city and they all fear that the Democratic party will make the mistake of favoring free silver coinage.

All we have to say is that no matter what their fears nor what action the parties take in regard to free silver, "It is going to be done." If the *New York "business men"* can't stand the law, they can go where the law will not reach them. The people are playing the game now and they will continue with more or less success until the "fears" of the "business men" of New York are fully realized. So, gentlemen, prepare to move your washing if you can't stand the pressure.

## PARTY! PARTY!! PARTY!!!

Did you ever hear the like of it? Democratic party, Republican party, Third party, still party always ringing in our ears. Parties and partisans—the earth and air are full of their cries. Their worshippers set up a howl equal to the priests of Baal. They have nothing but priestcraft and partycraft to offer to an outraged and down-trodden people. Party worship is their only balm for an over-taxed and pension-plundered people. Taxes and pensions increasing all the time in the midst of this partisan agitation and on account of it. Still the party bosses cry out continually, "Great is the Goddess Diana of the Party." And still large numbers of our people solemnly shout amen. Party, party, party roar the great newspapers in the cities;

party, party, party yelp the newspapers in the towns and villages. Party, party, party whine the little cross-roads and ward politicians; but party all the time. The State never, the people never, nothing but party. The Democratic party is the cry in the South. It will do all for the dear people. Up North the Republican party will do all. Can we breathe nothing but party spirit in the air? Can we hear nothing but party strife, and shall we always feel nothing but the party lash? Is it not time to think out some plans to save this Union from the fate of Italy, Greece and France?

## ON THE INCREASE.

Those who oppose the reform movement are disposed to call our orators "calamity howlers." But the cold facts and figures are staring them in the face.

At the present rate of increase in the absorption of the wealth of the country into a few hands, it will not be twenty years before 3 per cent. of the population will own 90 per cent. of the wealth, and the history of Rome will be repeated in America. Will the people of the South and West continue longer to be slaves to the money power of the East and of England?

## KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

Every effort is being made to keep the farmers out of politics. It is a criminal offense punishable by slander and billingsgate. The farmers, however, have stayed out of politics too long; that is what's the matter. They have learned that many of the leaks in their pockets are of a legislative character, that hard times are not so much attributable to a lack of industry and good management on their part as to the fact that class legislation has systematically drawn their surplus into the coffers of the non-producing class. The farmers have done their worst managing by trusting their legislative interests to the care of those not in sympathy with them.

## ANOTHER STYLE OF LYING.

It keeps us busy to catch on to the new methods of the plutocrats. They really are old methods warmed over. Last week word was sent out from Washington that "President Polk should reserve some of his enthusiasm. If the curtains should be rolled aside things might be disclosed that would cause a sensation." Now to the unsophisticated reader this would appear perfectly awful. He doubtless would think some discoveries would be made soon, of a damaging nature. But that is just a trick of the politician. If THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER should say that it would be well for the people to keep their eyes open, that the capitol building at Raleigh might fall some time, it would sound absurd, but not any more so than this latest fake.

## CONCORD FAIR.

The Cabarrus County Fair this week was the most successful, in point of attendance, of any yet held. The exhibits were very good. The bicycle, trotting and running races were as good as are ever seen in North Carolina. The people of Concord and Cabarrus county never get left. They are liberal and enterprising, two qualities that never fail to make a Fair a success. Governor Holt made a very interesting speech on Thursday to a large audience. On Friday Col. Harry Skinner, of Pitt county, made a speech in advocacy of the Sub-Treasury scheme and all of the Ocala platform. The speech was able, patriotic, instructive and eloquent. It was on a different line from any ever made in this State. We will not attempt a synopsis, for nothing but the speech *verbatim* would do it justice. Besides that, we want all our people to hear him and judge for themselves.

## WORKING THE WAR RACKET.

The more the farmers demand financial reform the louder becomes the partisan war agitation. The men who make a living by keeping alive sectional animosities are determined that they shall not lose their business. The people have caught onto their racket now. They understand that the object of all this talk about the war and the soldiers of the two armies is to obscure the real needs of the people for which they have no remedy to offer. A war record is a very good thing sometimes, and if the owner of it is not trying to get office or make money by it, then a good war record is honorable. But just now our people want a financial record. Not a record for making money for the monied men, but to make money for the people who are having such hard work to make both ends meet.

The people want a record for valiant fighting for financial relief. The monopolistic papers argue that a man must be a financial success himself before he is fit to hold office. It is from the grasp of such financiers that the people are now trying to get free. They are tired of the old man's prayer, which was: "Oh Lord, bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife; us four and no more."

## MR. BILKINS.



He is Terribly in Earnest—Has Some Curiosity to See Dr. Caldwell, of Santer Fame.

"Hello! Mr. Devil."

D.—"Hello! Mr. Bilkins. How's your people?"

B.—"They are all kickin', thank you. Tell the editor to come to the telephone quick."

R.—"All right, Uncle Zeke; what is the trouble?"

B.—"Nothin', only I want to know what the politicians are doin'."

R.—"They are raising cane. They are the agriculturists now."

B.—"How is that? I thought we farmers was raisin' all the crops."

R.—"No; not all. The politicians and a few political editors are raising cane. We Alliance people are getting ready for a crop of politics. We have raised too much agricultural products already and the bosses say we are suffering from a bad case of 'overproduction.' Down South they say we raise too much cotton; that we must not work so hard. In the West and North they say we raise too much grain. They have quit saying that we work too much; they now say we must 'diversify' our crops. So we are going to try a little politics in place of so much grain and cotton."

B.—"That is what I told Betsy. I told her we might work our eyes out and still make nothin' clear if we didn't raise some politics. I am a thinkin' that we have enough of politic', but the seed ain't good any more. They don't do well like they used to. I want some big drum head politics that will grow like they used to before the war."

R.—"Your head is level. Don't grow any but good politics."

B.—"What about that report on Col. Polk? Did he mistreat Federal prisoners?"

R.—"He didn't have anything to do with Federal prisoners. It is the political soldiers that are fighting the reform movement that he has been so cruel to. He has treated them very badly."

B.—"I want to have a long talk with Dr. Caldwell, of the *Landmark*. Do you reckon he will talk to me?"

R.—"Yes, he will talk with you, but not right now. Just now he is engaged in aiding the Secretary of the Treasury to prove that the reform papers don't tell the truth about the per capita in circulation. He argues that the per capita is \$23 instead of \$5."

B.—"Well, didn't some of you fellers spend several months in Washington investigatin' the thing?"

R.—"Yes, Mr. Dunning, who is as smart a man as Dr. Caldwell or the Secretary of the Treasury, has been at it several months."

B.—"Why does Dr. Caldwell do that?"

R.—"For what is known as 'political effect.'"

B.—"Has Dr. Caldwell caught the Santer yet?"

R.—"No. He will never catch it if he waits until he convinces Iredell county farmers that the Secretary of the Treasury hasn't lied."

B.—"What kind of a feller is Dr. Caldwell, anyhow?"

R.—"Well, he is one of the best fellows in the world, but he runs off the track now and then. He don't believe in the theory about the rails spreading, however, but he just jumps the track anyhow and shakes the passengers up, but they have gotten used to it."

B.—"Didn't he say that he 'was a convert to the free coinage of silver measure last year?'"

R.—"Yes, he professed and for a while seemed truly penitent, but Mr. Cleveland wrote a letter against it and then Dr. Caldwell fell from grace, said it was folly for the Alliance demagogues to talk about getting it through for he and Mr. Cleveland had decided dead agin' it."

B.—"Blamed if I hadn't always heard that Dr. Caldwell 'didn't wear a collar,' in fact I read it in his paper."

R.—"Well you see he is getting rich and when a fellow begins to get rich he puts on more style. He puts on a fresh collar every day now."

B.—"Golly! It looks to me like he must wear mity stiff collars, the way he did when Mr. Cleveland wrote his letter agin' free coinage. Guess the Santer wears one, too. Good bye."

Zeke Bilkins says all those who owe for the paper ought to pay up.

## THEIR METHODS.

The writer has repeatedly offered to discuss the Sub-Treasury with any of the big guns. But they jump on some of the leaders or try to make fun of the measure without launching out into deep water. An exchange gets off the following which is a pen picture of some of the wisecracks:

The opponents of the Alliance not daring to attack the Sub-Treasury as it is, fix it up to suit themselves, by saying that the farmers want the government to loan them money on gooseberries and pumpkins, then they pitch into the plan and proceed to demolish it. It is a little like some of Dickens' characters, Quilp and Brass. Quilp could not whip Brass, so he went home, made a straw man, named it Brass and proceeded to pound it to pieces.

## IT IS TRUE.

One of our exchanges gets off the following about a certain class of agricultural papers that now inflict themselves upon the people of this country:

"The worst enemy the farmer has is these plug hat agricultural journals. They are generally printed on extra good paper, and the farmer, as a rule, takes the cork clear under. Farmers, shun all such stuff; don't listen to their oily-tongued agents, for their intention from the start is nothing more or less than to swindle you."

This is only too true. They are supposed to work for the best interest of their patrons, yet when you read certain editorials you are bound to conclude that they are the tools of organized plutocracy. In a circular issued by the bankers some months ago, they suggested that all religious and agricultural journals that could be bought up be "fixed" in the interest of themselves. It now looks that way, for even some of the best of these journals are engaged in trying to "keep the farmers quiet."

## PLAIN TALK.

The Charleston, W. Va., *Farmers' Advocate* has a forcible way of saying things. Here is its idea of the effect of the Sub-Treasury scheme:

Now is the time when the growler growls and the pie-nic-stricken wire-puller and disconcerted, demoralized politician is virtually turning himself wrong side out in his desperation as a howler, and merely because the farmer wants to come in and share some of the privileges which he (the politician) and a favored few of the country are enjoying. As we have repeatedly stated, we care nothing in the world about the Sub-Treasury bill, that is simply a matter of detail. It is the Sub-Treasury plan that we are after, and, as we have also stated before, the Sub-Treasury plan simply means more and cheaper money, and establishes and defines a plan whereby this increase of money can be placed in the hands of those who most need it. Now the whole gist of the effects of the Sub-Treasury plan, being enacted into law would be simply to make money more plentiful and abolish high rates of interest. We confidently believe that not one farmer in a hundred would avail himself of the privileges and advantages it would afford him, for the simple reason that an era of prosperity would follow, from the simple effects of such a law, in conjunction with the adoption of the other principles advocated by the Alliance.

## THE DEADLY PARALLEL.

Some More of the State Organ's Rare Consistency.

JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE, JULY 16. At the Ft. Worth, Texas, Alliance convention last week, U. S. Hall showed conclusively that speculators would get more benefit from the Sub-Treasury scheme than anyone else. As a specimen of the Sub-Treasury scheme, he said: "If he has the \$100,000,000 could control the entire wheat and cotton crop. First buying a hundred million bushels, the Sub-Treasury could store it and get from the government eighty million dollars. With this they could buy wheat and cotton crop, and again store it and get money and so on till they cornered the whole business. They could thus get the command of the entire country by the throat. But give us free coinage and a plenty of currency and we defy speculators."

HEAVY LYING FOR A MALICIOUS PURPOSE.

It is evident that in the present struggle for political supremacy in this country the partisan papers are determined to stop at no amount of misrepresentation and downright lying that seems necessary to help their side in the controversy. It is one of the purposes of the Alliance movement and of the People's party to bury all traces of the animosity existing between the North and South on account of past differences. And much is being already accomplished in this way by the fraternal coming together of the men of these sections. But the old party papers and politicians are determined to keep alive this prejudice and animosity if it can be done. And they are again fanning the embers most vigorously. It is thought to be the only means of preventing the further growth of this fraternal feeling now promising the speedy heart union of the sections. The Northern papers are representing the men of the South as the intolerant bulldozers they ever were, or were represented to be, and nothing but the strong arm of the law can be depended on to cope with their lawless, malicious inclinations.—*Hartford, Conn., Examiner.*